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FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE, S/NM FROM AMBASSADOR OSBORN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR BM

SUBJ: NARCOTICS CONTROL; VISIT BY AMBASSADOR VANCE

REF: STATE 25974

1. COLONEL TIN OO WAS MOST PLEASED TO LEARN THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT RANGOON AND HAS NOW SUGGESTED THAT YOU DO SO JUST AFTER THE KUALA LUMPUR CONFERENCE, ABOUT APRIL 8-9. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THIS WILL BE SATISFACTORY; I TRUST YOU WILL ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO STAY AT THE RESIDENCE.

2. I HAVE ALSO BEEN ADVISED THAT COLONEL TIN OO WISHES TO SEE ME NEXT MONDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 23, PRESUMABLY TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM. GIVEN TIN OO'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE POSSIBILITY OF MULTISPECTRAL PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM (MSP) HERE (RANGOON 331), I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE HIM A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL WE HAVE BEEN MAKING SINCE RUDY HALL'S VISIT LAST OCTOBER AND REPEATED MOST RECENTLY DURING THE DEA VISIT LAST MONTH (RANGOON 319) THAT AN EXPERT BE SENT TO RANGOON TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF SUCH A PROGRAM IN BURMA. I WOULD OF COURSE TELL COLONEL TIN OO THAT INITIATION OF AN MSP PROGRAM ITSELF (WHICH HE ENVISAGES COULD BE USED FOR NEXT WINTER'S POPPY CROP) WOULD DEPEND UPON THE OUTCOME OF THE STUDY AND THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. I WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS.
OSBORN

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